

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Disclosed is a sheet supplying apparatus including first and second stacking means and contrived to prevent the apparatus from being upsized
5 and to reduce a manufacturing cost by employing one sheet supplying/separating mechanism in common. The sheet supplying apparatus has a first stacking means including a first stacking portion stacked with a sheet, a second stacking means installable in an
10 attachable/detachable manner to and from the first stacking means on an upper side of the first stacking portion, and a separating/supplying means used in common to the first and second stacking means, for separating and supplying the stacked sheets. The
15 second stacking means includes a base member for installing in the first stacking means, and a second stacking portion movably incorporated into the base member. The second stacking portion is so constructed as to be possible of advancing and
20 retreating. In a retreat position where the second stacking portion retreats, the sheet can be supplied from the first stacking portion, and, in a possible-of-supplying position where the second stacking portion advances, the sheet can be supplied from the
25 second stacking portion.